## Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 44743 Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C. RN100219534 Docket No. 2012-1605-AIR-E

# Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

#### **Findings Order Justification:**

Three or more enforcement actions (NOVs, orders, etc.) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

#### Media:

AIR

#### **Small Business:**

No

### Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Ranger Gas Gathering Ranger Plant, located on County Road 340, two miles west of Ranch Road 717, Ranger, Eastland County

# Type of Operation:

Natural gas compressor station

## **Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: January 4, 2013

Comments Received: No

## **Penalty Information**

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$6,000

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$0 Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$6,000 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A **SEP Conditional Offset:** \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

# Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average Site/RN - Average

Major Source: Yes

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2011

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## Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: July 10, 2012

Date(s) of NOE(s): July 20, 2012

### **Violation Information**

Failed to submit an emissions inventory report for the 2011 calendar year [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 101.10(e) and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit No. O-2945 Special Terms and Conditions No. 2.E., and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].

# Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

### **Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

### **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require Respondent to:

- a. Within 30 days, submit the calendar year 2011 annual emissions inventories; and
- b. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision a.

# **Litigation Information**

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A Settlement Date: N/A

### **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Rajesh Acharya, Enforcement Division,

Enforcement Team 4, MC 149, (512) 239-0577; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-0412

**TCEQ SEP Coordinator**: N/A

Respondent: Robert J. Beard, Member, Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C., 2817 Farm-to-

Market Road 101, Ranger, Texas 76470

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

#### Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 3 (September 2011) PCW Revision August 3, 2011 Assigned 23-Jul-2012 PCW 21-Aug-2012 Screening 9-Aug-2012 **EPA** Due RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION Respondent Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C. Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN100219534 Facility/Site Region 3-Abilene Major/Minor Source Major **CASE INFORMATION** Enf./Case ID No. 44743 No. of Violations 1 Docket No. 2012-1605-AIR-E Order Type Findings Government/Non-Profit No Media Program(s) Air Multi-Media Enf. Coordinator James Nolan EC's Team Enforcement Team 4 Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum Maximum \$25,000 Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) \$3,750 Subtotal 1 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage. **Compliance History** 60.0% Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$2,250 Enhancement for four NOVs with same/similar violations and two agreed Notes orders with denial of liability. 0.0% Enhancement Culpability No Subtotal 4 \$0 Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments Subtotal 5 \$0 **Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement\* Subtotal 6 \$0 Total EB Amounts \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount Approx. Cost of Compliance SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 Final Subtotal \$6,000 OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% \$0 Adjustment Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. Notes

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

Notes

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g.

Final Penalty Amount

Final Assessed Penalty

Reduction Adjustment

0.0%

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY

\$6,000

\$6,000

\$6,000

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**PCW** 

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011) PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Respondent Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C.

**Case ID No.** 44743

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100219534

Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator James Nolan

**Compliance History Worksheet** 

NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	4	20%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	2	40%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
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	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
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**Compliance History Report** 

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600130348 Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C. Classification: Rating: 19.89

**AVERAGE** 

Regulated Entity: RN100219534 RANGER GAS GATHERING Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 19.89 RANGER PLANT

ID Number(s): AIR OPERATING PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER EA0042C AIR OPERATING PERMITS PERMIT 2945 AIR OPERATING PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER 0033

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Location: On County Road 340, two miles west of Ranch Road 717, in Ranger, Eastland County, Texas.

TCEQ Region: **REGION 03 - ABILENE** 

Enforcement

Date Compliance History Prepared: August 09, 2012

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:

Compliance Period: August 09, 2007 to August 09, 2012

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History Name: James Nolan Phone: (512) 239-6634

#### **Site Compliance History Components**

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES

2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO

3. If YES, who is the current owner/operator? N/A

4. If YES, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A

5. If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A

Rating Date: 9/1/2011 Repeat Violator: NO

#### Components (Multimedia) for the Site:

Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.

Effective Date: 02/07/2010 ADMINORDER 2009-1072-AIR-E

Classification: Moderate

30 TAC Chapter 101, SubChapter A 101.10(e)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Description: Failed to submit an emissions inventory report for calendar year 2008, as documented during a record review conducted on June 25, 2009. Specifically, the report was due to be submitted no later than March 31, 2009.

Classification: Moderate

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.145(2)(C)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.146(2)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Description: Failed to submit the PCC for the time period of June 9, 2008 through June 8, 2009, no later than 30 days after the end of the certification period; and failed to submit the DR for the reporting period of December 8, 2008 through June 9, 2009 no later than 30 days after the end of the deviation reporting period. Specifically, the PCC was due no later than July 8, 2009, and the DR was due no later than July 9, 2009, and both reports were received August 10, 2009.

Effective Date: 03/07/2011 ADMINORDER 2010-1539-AIR-E

Classification: Major

30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.110(a)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.0518(a) 5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: General Terms and Conditions OP

Description: Failure to obtain authorization for a compressor engine prior to installation on March 1, 2009.

В. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government. Chronic excessive emissions events. D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) 06/01/2012 (1008152)2 07/18/2012 (1019994)3 05/22/2009 (746573)4 07/02/2009 (760344)5 08/26/2009 (764921)6 03/26/2010 (796961)08/31/2010 (842516)8 10/28/2010 (872277)9 08/24/2011 (943624)10 09/15/2011 (955854)11 10/14/2011 (957751)E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) Date: 05/22/2009 (746573) Self Classification: Moderate 30 TAC Chapter 101, SubChapter A 101.10(e) Citation: 5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b) Description: Failed to submit an emissions inventory report for calendar year 2008, as documented during a record review conducted on June 25, 2009. Specifically, the report was due to be submitted no later than March 31, 2009. Date: 08/31/2010 (842516) CN600130348 Self Classification: Moderate 30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.145(2) Citation: Description: Failure to submit a complete and accurate Title V Deviation Report. Date: 08/24/2011 (943624) CN600130348 Self Classification: Moderate Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 101, SubChapter A 101.20(2) 30 TAC Chapter 106, SubChapter A 106.4(a)(6) 30 TAC Chapter 113, SubChapter C 113.1090 30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4) 40 CFR Chapter 63, SubChapter C, PT 63, SubPT A 63.9(b)(2) 5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b) Special Condition No. 1.D. OP Description: Failure to submit a timely Initial Notification of Applicability as required by 40 CFR 63 Subpart ZZZZ. Date: 06/04/2012 (1008152) Self Classification: Moderate 30 TAC Chapter 101, SubChapter A 101.10(e) Citation: 5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b) Failure to submit a 2011 Emissions Inventory. CATEGORY B19 (g)(3) Description: Environmental audits. F. N/A G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs). Η. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program. N/A Early compliance.

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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#### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2012-1605-AIR-E

At its	agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
("the Commission" or "TCEQ	") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an
enforcement action regarding R	anger Gas Gathering, L.L.C. ("Respondent") under the authority
of Tex. Health & Safety Code	ch. 382 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7. The Executive Director of
the TCEQ, through the Enforcer	ment Division, and the Respondent presented this agreement to
the Commission	

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a natural gas compressor station on County Road 340, two miles west of Ranch Road 717 in Ranger, Eastland County, Texas (the "Plant").

- 2. The Plant consists of one or more sources as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.003(12).
- 3. During a record review on July 10, 2012, TCEQ staff documented that the Respondent failed to submit an emissions inventory report for the 2011 calendar year. Specifically, the report was due to be submitted no later than March 31, 2012 and has not been received.
- 4. The Respondent received notice of the violations on July 25, 2012.

#### II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 382 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7 and the rules of the Commission.
- 2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the Respondent failed to submit an emissions inventory report for the 2011 calendar year, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 101.10(e) and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit No. O-2945 Special Terms and Conditions No. 2.E., and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b).
- 3. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Water Code § 7.053. The Respondent has paid the Six Thousand Dollar (\$6,000) administrative penalty.

#### III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C., Docket No. 2012-1605-AIR-E" to:

Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C. DOCKET NO. 2012-1605-AIR-E Page 3

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit the calendar year 2011 annual emissions inventories to:

Emissions Assessment Section Air Quality Division, MC 164 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Air Section Manager Abilene Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 1977 Industrial Boulevard Abilene, Texas 79602-7833

- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Plant operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 7. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 8. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 9. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any

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other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under Tex. Bus. Org. Code § 1.002.

10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.10(b) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.142.

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For the Commission

## SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Executive Director U	Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Gas Gathering, L.L.C. I am authorized to agr Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C., and do agree to acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payme on such representation.	ee to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the specified terms and conditions. I further
I understand that by entering into this Agreed certain procedural rights, including, but not lim addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an e- hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order co Commission of the violations set forth in this Agr	nited to, the right to formal notice of violations evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an institutes full and final adjudication by the
<ul> <li>additional penalties, and/or attorney fees</li> <li>Increased penalties in any future enforcer</li> <li>Automatic referral to the Attorney General</li> </ul>	may result in:  as submitted; eneral's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, of, or to a collection agency; ment actions; eral's Office of any future enforcement actions;
<ul> <li>TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized be In addition, any falsification of any compliance d</li> </ul>	
Signature Seary	//-/-/2 Date
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Ranger Gas Gathering, L.L.C.	MEMBER Title

**Instructions**: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.